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Contract in Hawaii to Small Business

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Huntsville, Ala.— The U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville has awarded a \$10,000,000 contract to American Technologies, Inc. (ATI) for Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Ordnance and Explosives removal action at the Waikoloa Maneuver Area, Big Island, Hawaii. ATI is a small business located in Oak Ridge, TN. \$10,000,000 is awarded for the first year, with a potential of 4 additional years at \$10,000,000 a year.

The Waikoloa Maneuver Area is about 123,000 acres on the Big Island of Hawaii. It was used for military training during World War II. Live ordnance, ranging from grenades and bazooka rounds to hedgehog missiles, has been found in the area. In addition, approximately 5,000 to 10,000 persons live, work, or go to school within the project's boundaries.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determined that the Waikoloa Maneuver Area site was eligible for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program and FUDS in 1991/92. Preliminary results suggest that up to 48,000 acres may contain ordnance and explosives waste hazards.

The Department of Defense (DoD) is responsible for cleaning up properties that were formerly owned, leased possessed, or operated by DoD. These properties are known as FUDS. The Army is the executive agent for the program and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the organization that manages and executes the program.

Huntsville Center's Ordnance and Explosives Center of Expertise and Design Center in cooperation with local Corps districts, public officials and interested citizens, supports detection and disposal of unexploded ordnance that poses an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health or to the environment.

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